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Letter dated 26 August 2004 from the Permanent Representative of Burundi to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you the declaration on the killings of Congolese refugees at the Gatumba camp adopted by the Fourteenth Ministerial Conference of the Non-Aligned Movement, held in Durban, South Africa, on 19 August 2004 (see annex).

The Conference condemned the heinous killings for which the PALIPEHUTU-FNL has proudly claimed responsibility. It supported the decision taken by the Regional Summit on Burundi held on 18 August 2004 in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, to declare the PALIPEHUTU-FNL Movement a terrorist organization, and urged the United Nations and the African Union to reinforce that stand according to the relevant instruments.

The Government of Burundi also hopes that the Council will regard the PALIPEHUTU-FNL Movement as having lost its credibility as a partner in the peace process, owing to its refusal to stop the violence and to respond to the repeated appeals to join the peace process.

I should appreciate it if you could arrange to have this letter and its annex circulated as a Security Council document.

(*Signed*) Marc **Nteturuye**
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Annex to the letter dated 26 August 2004 from the Permanent Representative of Burundi to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

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Declaration on the Gatumba massacre adopted by the Fourteenth Ministerial Conference of the Non-Aligned Movement

The Ministers attending the XIV Conference of the Non-Aligned Movement:

Reaffirming the NAM's determination to preserve the noble ideals and principles of the Movement as well as the principles set forth in the United Nations Charter,

Stressing the importance of the maintenance of international peace and security and the respect for international law,

1. Condemn in the strongest terms the heinous killing of the Congolese refugees of the Gatumba camp in Burundi which occurred on 13 August 2004.

2. Express their sympathy and support to the families of the victims, and wishes quick recovery to the injured.

3. Support the resolve of the Heads of State of the 22nd Summit of the Great Lakes Regional Peace Initiative on Burundi held on 18 August 2004 in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, to declare the PALIPEHUTU-FNL Movement which claimed the responsibility for the massacre, a terrorist organization, and urge the United Nations and the African Union to take appropriate measures to reinforce this stand according to the relevant instruments.

4. Support also the proposal to conduct an International Investigation to establish the facts in order to bring to justice those responsible and take any other political action deemed necessary.

5. Extend their solidarity with countries and people of the African Great Lakes region and appeal to their leaders and governments to work together and timelessly for the peace, the stability and sustainable development of the region.